

The Calvin Ball Bulletin

Legislation Edition: December 2013



With the holidays around the corner, the government will be closed Wednesday, December 25th through Wednesday, January 1st. Offices will reopen Thursday, January 2nd. During the break, I wanted to share legislation currently under consideration by the County Council and bills that will be considered by the Howard County Delegation when the General Assembly resumes in 2014. Listed below, you will find copies of those bills. To promote an engaged citizenry, I encourage you to review this information and share your comments on Council bills by submitting testimony to



[councilmail@howardcount](mailto:councilmail@howardcountymd.gov)

ymd.gov. Testimony may also be submitted in person during the Council's Public Hearing, generally held the 3rd Monday of each month. To do so, click [here](#). I hope you find this informative and use this opportunity to become more engaged.

At this time, the General Assembly is in recess; however, it will begin January 8, 2014. For your convenience, I've included legislation under consideration by the Delegation. For details, please contact **Dylan Goldberg** at 410-841-3360 or email hoc1@mlis.state.md.us.

INTRODUCTIONS

All current Council legislation can be found [online](#).

APPOINTMENTS

CR1-2014

Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Michele Brown to the Board of Directors of the Howard County Mental Health Authority.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR2-2014

Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Bruce MacDonald to the Alcohol & Drug Abuse Advisory Board.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR3-2014

Introduced by: Chairman at the request of the County Executive A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Collin Sullivan to the Howard County Local Children's Board.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR4-2014

Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Sherman Howell to the Environmental Sustainability Board.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR5-2014

Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Dr. Mark Southerland to the Environmental Sustainability Board.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR6-2014

Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Jeanne M. Zarnoch to the Personnel Board.

Final Action:

Votes:

GENERAL

CB1-2014 (ZRA 147)

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive AN ACT amending the Howard County Zoning Regulations to amend the Purpose Statement of the TOD District; to provide that the district may allow for certain uses; to allow certain industrial uses, subject to certain criteria; and generally relating to the Howard County Zoning Regulations.

Final Action:

Votes:

CB2-2014

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive AN ACT requiring certain recycling services for certain apartment complexes and condominiums; requiring compliance with the County's "Apartment and Condominium Recycling Plan"; authorizing certain inspections; providing for certain penalties; and generally related to apartment and condominium recycling in Howard County.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR7-2014

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive A RESOLUTION approving an amendment to the Solid Waste Management Plan, 2003-2013, in accordance with the procedure required by State Law.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR8-2014

Introduced by: Courtney Watson

Co Sponsored by: Calvin Ball, Mary Kay Sigaty, and Jennifer Terrasa A RESOLUTION, creating a task force to study the issues associated with human trafficking in Howard County, to educate the public about human trafficking, to identify and serve victims of human trafficking, and to increase prosecution of traffickers.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR9-2014

Introduced by the Chairperson

A RESOLUTION calling the County Council of Howard County, Maryland into legislative session on specified dates.

Final Action:

Votes:

FINAL CONSIDERATION

APPOINTMENTS

CR158-2013

Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Vananzo H. Eaton to the Pension Oversight Commission.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR159-2013

Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Deborah Ellinghaus to the Board of Health.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR160-2013

Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Toshie Kabuto to the Pension Oversight Commission.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR161-2013

Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Sheryl H. Lewis, M.P.H., to the Board of Health.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR162-2013

Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Danilsa M. Marciniak to the Board of Social Services.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR163-2013

Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Paul G. Nagy, Ph.D., to the Board of Health.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR164-2013

Introduced by: Chairman at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Eric N. Shatzer to the Board of Electrical Examiners.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR165-2013

Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Angela M. Cash to the Equal Business Opportunity Commission.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR166-2013

Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of David Wasser to the Board of Directors of the Howard County Mental Health Authority.

Final Action:

Votes:

GENERAL

CB55-2013

Administrative Explanation

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT repealing certain temporary use provisions that are inconsistent with the Howard County Zoning Regulations; making certain technical corrections; and

generally relating to the Howard County Zoning Regulations.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR167-2013

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION pursuant to Sections 16.301 and 16.200(a) of the Howard County Code, granting a variance for government uses from the structure and use setback for an addition to the front of Deep Run Elementary School.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR168-2013

Administrative Explanation

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION pursuant to Sections 16.301 and 16.200(a) of the Howard County Code, granting a variance for government uses from the structure and use setback for a proposed athletic field and fence at Troy Park.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR169-2013

Administrative Explanation

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION declaring that a total of approximately 1.59 acres of real property owned by Howard County and identified as Open Space Lot 399 is no longer needed for a public purpose; authorizing the County Executive to waive the advertising and bidding requirements of Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code in order to convey the property to Taylor Properties Community Association; and providing that the County Executive is not bound to convey the property if he finds that the land may have a further public use.

Final Action:

Votes:

TABLED

CR150-2011

Introduced By, Greg Fox

A RESOLUTION proposing to add a section to Article VIII. "Centralized Purchasing" of the Howard County

Charter to limit the exercise of the power of eminent domain so that the power is used only for public purposes and not for private economic development, and submitting this amendment to the voters of Howard County for their adoption or rejection in accordance with Article X of the Howard County Charter and Article XIA of the Maryland Constitution.

Last Action: Tabled 10/3/2011

Votes: YEAS – Council Members Fox, Sigaty, Terrasa and Watson

NAY – Council Member Ball

CR94-2013

Introduced by: Chairman at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Brian Daugherty to the Howard County Local Children's Board.

Final Action: Tabled 10/7/2013

Votes: Unanimous

CR117-2013

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive A RESOLUTION declaring that a total of approximately 0.841 acres of real property owned by Howard County and identified as a portion of the right-of-way of Dorsey Run Road is no longer needed for a public purpose; authorizing the County Executive to waive the advertising and bidding requirements of Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code in order to convey the property to Coastal Sunbelt Produce; and providing that the County Executive is not bound to convey the property if he finds that the land may have a further public use and submits his finding to the County Council for its consideration.

Final Action: Tabled 10/7/2013

Votes: Unanimous

CR 147-2013

Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of William A. Moss to the Adult Public Guardianship Review Board..

Final Action: Tabled 12/2/2013

Votes: Unanimous

THE PROCESS

The County Council is responsible for adopting the laws of the County. The legislative process generally follows a monthly cycle:

- 1st Monday - New legislation is introduced; legislation from prior month is given final consideration
- 3rd Monday - Public hearing on legislation introduced that month
- 4th Monday - Legislative work session, if needed
- 1st Monday - New legislation is introduced; legislation from prior month is given final consideration

Council bills must be signed or vetoed by the County Executive within 10 days of the Council's presentation of passed legislation.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Unless otherwise noted, the County Council will hold its meetings in the Banneker Room of the George Howard Building, 3430 Court House Drive, Ellicott City, MD. The next meetings are as follows:

- Monday, January 6, 2014 at 7:30pm: Legislative Session
- Wednesday, January 8, 2014 at 8:15am: Quarterly Meeting with BOE: CVG Room
- Monday, January 13, 2014 at 4:30pm: Monthly Meeting in CVG Room
- Tuesday, January 21, 2014 at 7:30pm: Legislative Public Hearing
- Monday, January 27, 2014 at 4:30pm: Legislative Work Session
- Monday, February 3, 2014 at 7:30pm: Legislative Session

* Please note these dates are subject to change. To access the most up-to-date calendar of meetings, click [here](#).

Can't attend a meeting but still want to stay involved? You can stream the Council's sessions [online](#) and click on the meeting you would like to watch. The Council's sessions are also streamed in real time on this website.



Howard County State Delegation Legislation

The 2014 legislative session will begin on January 8, 2014. For your convenience, I have shared an update of the bills that will be introduced below. For further information, contact **Dylan Goldberg** at the Howard County Delegation Office at **410-841-3360** or email hoc1@mlis.state.md.us

HO.CO. 01-14 (LR 544)

Howard County – Alcoholic Beverages – Population Restriction on Class A Licenses

Introduced by Delegates Guy Guzzone and Warren Miller

FOR the purpose of limiting the number of Class A licenses of any type that in the Board of License Commissioners of Howard County may issue based on a certain license-to-population ratio using County population data, as a determined by the latest federal census; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Howard County.

HO.CO. 02-14 (LR 556)

Howard County Board of Education – Members – Salary Increase

Introduced by the Chairs of the Howard County Delegation

FOR the purpose of altering the amount of compensation of the chairman and other elected members of the Howard County Board of Education; establishing a certain scholarship for the student member of the board; providing that this Act does not apply to the salary of compensation of the chairman or other elected members of the board during a certain term of office; clarifying certain language; and generally relating to the members of the Howard County Board of Education

HO.CO. 03-14 (LR564) Howard County – Casino Events - Authorized

Introduced by Delegate Warren Miller

FOR the purpose of authorizing certain organizations to hold certain casino events in Howard County at certain intervals of time; requiring an organization to obtain a permit from the Howard County Department of Inspections, Licenses, and Permits before operating a casino event; requiring the Howard County Executive to forward a recommendation to the Howard County Council concerning the fee to be charged for a permit; requiring the County Council adopt by resolution the amount of the permit fee; specifying the types of organizations eligible to conduct a casino event; requiring a permit holder for a casino event to ensure that certain standards are met; prohibiting a permit holder from offering cumulative money prizes in excess of a certain amount; specifying certain prohibited acts and reporting requirements for a permit holder for a casino event; requiring the Department to adopt certain regulations governing casino events; altering in Howard County the application of certain general provisions of law governing gaming in the State; establishing certain exceptions to prohibitions against conducting a casino event or operating or awarding prizes using certain gaming devices; and generally relating to casino events in Howard County.

HO.CO. 04-14 (LR 768)

Creation of a State Debt – Howard County – Day Resource Center

Introduced by the Howard County Chairs at the request of the County Executive

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$575,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the County Executive and County Council of Howard County for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

HO.CO. 05-14 (LR 770)

Creation of a State Debt – Howard County – Head Start Program Retrofitting

Introduced by the Howard County Chairs at the request of the County Executive

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$100,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the County Executive and County Council of Howard County for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

HO.CO. 06-14 (LR 769)

Creation of a State Debt – Howard County – Historic Belmont Property and Historic Garden Restoration

Introduced by the Howard County Chairs at the request of the County Executive

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$125,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the County Executive and County Council for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

HO. CO. 07-14 (LR767)

Creation of a State Debt – Howard County – Shaded Structures for Playgrounds

Introduced by the Howard County Chairs at the request of the County Executive

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$200,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the County Executive and County Council for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

HO. CO. 08-14 (LR)

Creation of a State Debt – Howard County – Hollofield Play Space

Introduced by Senator Kittleman

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$175,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the County Executive and County Council for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan

HO. CO. 09 (LR679)

Howard County – Alcoholic Beverages – Beer Festivals

Introduced by Delegate Warren Miller

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Howard County Board of License Commissioners to issue a special beer festival license; specifying that a special beer festival license authorizes the holder to display and sell at retain beer for consumption on and off the licensed premises on certain days and hours; requiring an applicant for a special beer festival license to be the holder of a certain license; establishing a license fee; requiring the Howard County board of License Commissioners to approve one weekend for the festival, approve certain premises in Howard County for the festival, and ensure that the primary focus of the festival is the promotion of Maryland beer; allowing a certain person to hold a special beer festival license in addition to another license; requiring the Howard County Board of License Commissioners to adopt certain regulations; defining a certain term; and generally relating to beer festivals in Howard County.

HO. CO. 10-14 (LR)

Creation of a State Debt – Howard County – Community Action Council Food Facility

Introduced by Delegate Guy Guzzone

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$250,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Community Action Council of Howard County, Inc., for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and

sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

Sign-up sheets will be available outside of the Banneker room at 7:00pm on the evening of the hearing. Oral testimony will be limited to three minutes.

For further information, contact Dylan Goldberg at the Howard County Delegation office at 410-841-3360 or [**hoc1@mlis.state.md.us**](mailto:hoc1@mlis.state.md.us).

I encourage our residents to stay tuned in if these topics are of interest to you. As always, I hope you have found this information insightful, and I encourage you to share this newsletter with your neighbors.

All the best,



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"I think there's no higher calling in terms of a career than public service, which is a chance to make a difference in people's lives and improve the world." ~
Jack Lew